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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Title: OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR READING  
INFORMATION

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
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2. ☐ Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: 34]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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- Claim(s)
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 9]

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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

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- ii. ☐ Paper
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
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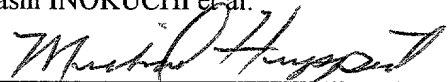
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